Basic information

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Resolution on the Philippines – the case of Senator Leila M. De Lima **Subject** 6.10.08 Fundamental freedoms, human rights, democracy in general **Geographical area** Philippines	

Key events

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16/03/2017	Decision by Parliament	T8-0088/2017	Summary
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Technical information

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Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Motion for a resolution		B8-0193/2017	16/03/2017	
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Motion for a resolution		B8-0222/2017	16/03/2017	
Motion for a resolution		B8-0223/2017	16/03/2017	
Motion for a resolution		B8-0225/2017	16/03/2017	
Motion for a resolution		B8-0226/2017	16/03/2017	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T8-0088/2017	16/03/2017	Summary

Resolution on the Philippines – the case of Senator Leila M. De Lima

2017/2597(RSP) - 16/03/2017 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the Philippines – the case of Senator Leila M. De Lima.

The text adopted in plenary was tabled by the EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA and EFDD groups.

Members called for the **immediate release of Senator Leila M. De Lima**, human rights advocate and the highest profile critic of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's anti-drug campaign and member of the opposition Liberal party.

Arrested in February 2017 on charges of alleged drug-related offences, Senator De Lima could face a sentence from 12 years up to life in prison and be expelled from the Senate.

Parliament condemned the high number of **extrajudicial killings** (more than 7 000) by the armed forces and vigilante groups related to the anti-drug campaign. It called on the authorities of the Philippines to immediately carry out impartial and meaningful investigations into these extrajudicial killings and to prosecute and bring all perpetrators to justice.

While strongly condemning drug trafficking and drug abuse in the Philippines, Members called on the Government to **prioritise the fight against trafficking networks** and drug barons over tracking down small-scale consumers. It also called on the authorities of the Philippines to immediately halt ongoing proceedings to reinstate the death penalty.

Parliament called on the European Union to:

- closely monitor the case against Senator De Lima;
- support the establishment at the UN Human Rights Council of an **independent international investigation** into unlawful killings and other violations by the Philippines in the context of President Duterte's "war on drugs";
- use all available instruments to assist the Government of the Philippines in upholding its international human rights obligations.